

against him in such suit, in whosoever hands or possession the said lands or tenements may be found; but where the debtor hath granted or may hereafter grant any road, way or easement in or over any lands liable as aforesaid, the rights accruing through or by such grant shall not be affected by the preceding provisions of this section; provided, however, that all existing rights of the State now vested shall not be in any way diminished or released, except as herein provided.

Under act of 1778, ch. 9, as soon as suit is commenced by state, a lien is created on lands of debtor which gives state a priority over all other creditors who had not, prior to commencement of suit by the state, secured a lien by judgment, mortgage or otherwise. State's prior claim upon proceeds of sale of land. *Davidson v. Clayland*, 1 H. & J. 547. And see *Jones v. Jones*, 1 Bl. 447; *Hodges v. Millikin*, 1 Bl. 515.

The lien given the state by this section may, and perhaps can only under any circumstances, be enforced at common law. Such lien cannot be called into action to subserve purposes of an individual. *Ridgely v. Iglehart*, 3 Bl. 544.

As to right of preference of state in payment of debts under common law, see *State v. Bank*, 6 G. & J. 205; *Smith v. State*, 5 Gill, 45; *Green's Estate*, 4 Md. Ch. 356; *State v. Baltimore*, 10 Md. 504.

Tax on Official Commissions.

An. Code, sec. 146. 1904, sec. 143. 1888, sec. 127. 1862, ch. 282. 1874, ch. 483, sec. 138. 1878, ch. 23.

150. When their commissions are delivered to them, the following officers shall respectively pay to the clerk from whom they receive the same, the sums following, to wit: The judges of each of the circuit courts for the several counties, fifty dollars; the judge of the superior court, of the court of common pleas, of the circuit court and circuit court No. 2 of Baltimore city, of the Baltimore city court, and the criminal court of Baltimore, each fifty dollars; the judges of the court of appeals, each fifty dollars; the sheriff of Baltimore city, three hundred dollars; the sheriff of Baltimore county, Frederick county and Washington county, each one hundred dollars; the sheriff of Allegany county, seventy-five dollars; the sheriff of Carroll county, Harford county, Dorchester county, Anne Arundel county, Worcester county, Somerset county, Cecil county and Prince George's county, each forty dollars; the sheriff of Howard county, thirty dollars; the sheriff of Caroline county, Montgomery county, Talbot county, Charles county, Queen Anne's county, Calvert county, Garrett county, Kent county, Wicomico county and St. Mary's county, each twenty dollars; each judge of the orphans' court of Baltimore city, fifty dollars; each judge of the peace and constable in the State, two dollars; the tobacco inspectors, each fifty dollars; the weigher of live stock, fifty dollars; the weighers of grain, hay and straw, each ten dollars; each notary public in the city of Baltimore, the sum of twenty dollars; the clerk of the circuit court and of the circuit court No. 2 of Baltimore city, the clerk of the court of common pleas, the clerk of the city court, and the clerk of the criminal court of Baltimore, each two hundred dollars; the register of wills of the city of Baltimore, two hundred dollars; the register of wills of Baltimore county, one hundred and fifty dollars; the register of wills of Frederick county, one hundred dollars; the register of wills of Washington county, seventy-